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Dear Sailors and Parents

1 Congratulations to all sailors who have competed in the Icebreaker Regatta and the 2013 Stack Winter Champs. A particular well done to Scott McKenzie 1st, Robbie McCutcheon 2nd and Lewis Anderson 3rd in Open Fleet and Caleb Armit 1st, Antony van Hameren 2nd and Lachlan Stewart 3rd in Green Fleet at the Stack Winter Champs.

Important Change to selection for the Asian Championship

The NZIODA committee voted on the change required to ensure team selection for the 2014 Asian Champs, which will be held before our National Championship.

The criteria for the 2014 IODA Asian Champs selection is:

"Selection will be based on a sailors ranking after the 2013 North Island Championship to be held at New Plymouth 15th-17th November 2013. Therefore you must attend this regatta to be considered as this will be the only ranking regatta for 2014 NZIODA Asian team selection. Positions will be offered from the first ranked sailor downwards until the team places are filled (a total of 7 sailors will attend, with a minimum of two from either gender e.g. 5 girls and 2 boys or vice-versa). If a sailor elects to take up a position offered and attends the 2014 Asian Championship, the sailor **will not** be eligible for selection in any other 2014 IODA Continental or World Championships supported by NZIODA - regardless of their final ranking from the NZIODA ranking regattas or result at the NZIODA National Championship (for clarity this includes World's team selection, North American Champs and European Champs)". If a sailor turns down the opportunity to represent NZIODA at the 2014 Asian Champs they will remain eligible for the





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remaining international regattas as named above and would need to qualify as per the usual qualification process.

Sailors will have seven days after the 2013 North Island Champs in which to confirm the offer for selection as we have already had to request a registration extension. A presentation on Bahrain as a location, that includes some of the costs is attached as well as the NOR (please note that NOR's are subject to updates). Parents considering attending if their sailor looks in contention will need to research the costs now so a quick decision can be made. We'd also ask sailors and parents to consider timing and cost of attending any training events before departure, as these are equally as important as the regatta itself to ensure the team is well prepared. Any questions about the cost or commitment needed are welcomed by the committee and several coaches will also be able to assist so please ask.

2 NZIODA Registration

Thank you to all of those who have registered and paid for 2013/14. If you are yet to join or pay please do so as soon as possible so that you stay on the NZIODA database, are able to compete at the NZIODA North Islands and eligible for international travelling team selection. To register go to the NZIODA web www.optimist.org.nz

Once registered, a receipt will be sent to you. To obtain your registration number multiply your receipt number by 10 and add 1 for the first sailor appearing on the receipt and add 2 for the second, three for the third and so on. E.g. if your receipt number is 123 your registration number for the first sailor will be 1231, the second 1232 etc.

NZIODA Development Team

Good luck to the 2014 team, they depart this weekend for Noumea - you can follow them on the NZIODA facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/NZIODA?ref=stream>

Yachting New Zealand Sailor Development Guidelines

Ian Neely and Jim Maloney kindly meet with our opti sailors and parents at the Winter Champs and gave an excellent presentation on sailor progression. Their fliers are attached and we will keep these circulating with more input from YNZ over the coming weeks.





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2013 NZIODA North Island Optimist Champs

To be held at New Plymouth Yacht Club 15-17th November. NOR is posted on the NZIODA web www.optimist.org.nz and NPYC web www.sportsground.co.nz/npyc and entries are still open. There is a great in harbour green fleet regatta so please encourage new sailors to register and attend. On the Friday a special green fleet training session will be held, so if families arrive early with a sailor in both fleets, there is a good fun learning option for the Friday. Registration details will follow shortly and be on the New Plymouth web site.

South Islands Optimist Training Clinic:

South Island sailors don't forget to register for your opti clinic at Wainui YMCA (Lyttleton) 19-22nd December Contact Mark Edwards for more information and to register e: maedwards@xtra.co.nz

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Reminder of important 2013/14 dates and Ranking Regattas

NZIODA North Island Champs **Ranking Regatta** 15-17th November - New Plymouth YC

Sir Peter Blake 7-8th December - Torbay YC

South Island Opti Clinic 19-22nd December - Wainui

High Performance Opti Clinic 13-17 January - Eastern Beach

NZIODA National Optimist Team's Racing 18-19 January - Kohimarama YC

NZIODA Auckland Champs **Ranking Regatta** 25-27 January - Kohimarama YC

NZIODA Interislander **Ranking Regatta** 21-23 February - Queen Charlotte YC

South Island Optimist Champs 22-23 March - Naval Point YC

NZIODA Pre-Nationals 12-13 April - Manly SC

OWNZ Trust Team's Racing 16-17 April - Manly SC

NZIODA **National** Championships 18-22nd April - Manly SC

Australian Nationals Reminder

The Australian nationals are being held over the period 4-11 January 2014 Mornington YC - Melbourne (www.morningtonyc.yachting.org.au/optinationals). There are several families attending and we encourage you to all touch base and pool resources (coaches, ribs and even perhaps accommodation). Coaches to talk to are Chris Steele, Sam McKenzie and Briar Dye-Hutchinson. Please note that whilst NZIODA will do all it can to support sailors





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and coordinate this is not an NZIODA supported event (yet!).

NZIODA Assistance needed

Eastern Beach Coordinator

A head opti parent is required to organize and run Eastern Beach - January 13-17th 2014 in association with the head coach for this event. Accommodation can be provided so it does not have to be an Auckland parent. This is a premier training clinic on the Opti calendar so support is very much needed. Please contact Angus on angus.h@xtra.co.nz if you can help out. We need this opti parent confirmed by the end of October.

Media and PR person

4 NZIODA is keen to step up its media presence and is looking for a parent or student (possibly from within the opti family) to take on a role of collating, coordinating and posting information (photos, updates, results and general worthy news) on the NZIODA web and facebook pages as well as widening our PR coverage including TVNZ, YNZ, Sailing World, national newspapers etc. We are looking for a professional step up here so it could be someone who has a strong interest and ability in this area or someone studying at university and keen to take on a project as part of a course. A level of support will be offered by NZIODA and attending all the major regattas, where practical, will be a definite aim. Please contact me if you can help: angus.h@xtra.co.nz

Dave Clarke - Zebracrossing - is doing a great job rebuilding our web - any news and updates worthy of posting please contact Dave's - davidclarke@zebracrossing.co.nz

2014 Optimist Nationals

Manly Sailing Club has posted the NOR for the 2014 NZ Nationals (18-22 April 2014). www.sportsground.co.nz/2014optimistnationals/ or the NZIODA web page

2014 IODA regattas update

The 2014 dates are:

28 March - 6 April - Asian Championships, Bahrain

29 June - 7 July - European Champs, Ireland

July (TBC) - North American Champs, TBC

22 Oct -2 Nov - Opti Worlds, Argentina





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2015 NZIODA Nationals

For those planning well ahead the 2015 nationals will be held in Wellington over Easter with the host club being Worser Bay Boat Club - contact Belinda Stanley for more details e: Belinda.Stanley@craigsip.com

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